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## **BY ECF**

Honorable John G. Koeltl United States District Judge United States District Court Southern District of New York 500 Pearl Street New York, New York 10007

Re: Aitabdellah Salem v. City of New York, et al.

17 Civ. 4799 (JGK)

Your Honor:

I am an Assistant Corporation Counsel in the Office of Zachary W. Carter, Corporation Counsel of the City of New York. I write pursuant to Rule 1.4 of the Local Civil Rules of the United States District Courts for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York to request that the Court issue an Order substituting the undersigned as counsel of record on behalf of defendants City of New York and Commissioner Joseph Ponte in place of Assistant Corporation Counsel Joseph Gutmann, who left our Office on August 12, 2019. Simultaneously herewith, I am filing a notice of substitution of counsel, and our Office respectfully requests that Mr. Gutmann be removed as an attorney of record on this matter.

I thank the Court for its time and consideration of this request.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

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